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***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on 11/21/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The set of claims filed 11/21/05 does not match the set of claims filed 12/8/03, which were the examined claims. For Example, amended claim 7 (filed 11/21/05) indicates that first and second plates were originally within the scope thereof while original claim 7 (filed 12/8/03) calls for a conduit and a gate and does not include first and second plates. See 37 CFR 1.111. The Applicant should review all of the claims to ensure that the amended claims co-inside with the original claims. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David J. Walczak whose telephone number is 571-272-4895. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs, 6:30- 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Justine Yu can be reached on 571-272-4835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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